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Acting Chief, PPS/OTR

OTR Comments on SR Country Appendix-Operational Program
for FY 1958 (Initial)

1. The following quote from the SR Country Appendix FY 1958 sets forth the SR Division's anticipated requirements for training support: "The question of training support to be given by the Office of Training to SR Division under the FY 1958 programming has been generally discussed with OTR/Plans and Research Staff/Operations Support. With regard to staff personnel it is not anticipated that there will be any increase in requirements for basic operations, language or area training, Assessment and Evaluation Services, Research and Development that cannot be handled in view of the close cooperation between the area division training officer, DD/P Staff Training Officers and OTR. On the question of training covert personnel, it is intended that [] Project of SR Division will do the training with the assistance of the case officers in SR and in cooperation with OTR."

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2. Upon review and analysis of the SR Country Appendix and Operational Programs for FY 1958, OTR concludes that training support requirements may be somewhat greater than reflected in the SR Country Appendix. The statement quoted above is not in consonance with the increased activity along certain lines reflected in the budget figures in Exhibit C, Tab A, Section III of the Country Appendix. Approximately [] more has been requested for personnel in 1958 than was shown for 1956. [] dollars more are requested for the conduct of Espionage and Counter-espionage in 1958 than was requested for 1956. The amount of money to be spent for unilateral FI/CI agent operations is almost doubled for 1958 and the amount is significant. To a lesser degree money to be spent for [] services is more than doubled although the total is less significant than the funds to be used for unilateral FI/CI operations. Each of these is indicative of increased activity which could and should result in a levy for substantially greater training support than has existed in the past. It is agreed that there has been close cooperation between the SR Training

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Liaison Officer, the DD/P Staff Training Officers and the Office of Training but even this close cooperation can no longer satisfy ad hoc training requirements. The very purpose of this planning exercise is to project requirements well in advance so that ad hoc requirements are kept at a minimum and to permit the support element to gear up in order to provide essential support.

3. It appears for the most part that the pattern of SR Operations remains the same. Generally speaking, OTR with its current program of instruction can, with certain exceptions, qualify staff personnel to perform their assigned tasks in the implementation of those operations if the rate of training remains constant. OTR notes however the following comment which is indicative of an increased training requirement, "Operational activities will be increased considerably above current levels during FY 1958. For example, preliminary planning calls for something like 15 agents for [] activities, 25% increase in CE operations in EE and SE Areas and a 100% increase in [] launchings." Current OTR capabilities would be hard put to meet increased training requirements resulting from this increased activity.

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4. In the past, SR requirements for covert training of agent personnel (U.S. Nationals and others) has been almost negative. Any increase in requirements for the training of deep cover personnel would be significant in terms of current OTR capabilities for providing training for such personnel. An increase in SR's requirement for covert training is reflected in the statement in Tab B, Section III, of the Country Appendix, "as a general trend it was agreed that unofficial cover support will be needed to a greater degree on a gradually increasing basis." The matter of [] responsibility for training covert personnel and the responsibility for [] generally is currently under review. For the most part in the past [] training responsibility has been with reference to the training of non U.S. nationals only. We must assume that the increased unofficial cover support requirements includes reference to both U.S. nationals and non U.S. nationals.

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5. Until the above matters, paragraphs 2 through 5 inclusive, can be resolved, the Office of Training has no basis for estimating the training load it may be required to meet in support of the SR Division Operational Program. OTR will undertake to consult with appropriate SR Division personnel in an effort to resolve these matters so that adequate training support capabilities may be ensured.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF TRAINING:

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